

In the Claims

Amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A multi-purpose ice tongs, comprising:

a handle;

a pair of tongs extending from the handle, the pair of tongs having a free end with a plurality of finger-shaped protrusions extending substantially perpendicular to the tongs, the pair of tongs having a grater disposed between the finger-shaped protrusions and the handle, the pair of tongs and collectively adapted to pick-up an ice cube; and

a knife removably stored within a recess of the handle, the knife pivotally coupled to the handle.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A multi-purpose ice tongs ~~of claim 1, wherein~~ comprising:

a handle;

a pair of tongs extending from the handle and collectively adapted to pick-up an ice cube;
and

a knife removably stored within a recess of the handle, the knife pivotally coupled to the handle, the knife includes including a zester component adapted to remove a peel from a food item, the zester component having an aperture extending fully through the knife and an indentation disposed immediately adjacent to the aperture.

3. (Original) The multi-purpose ice tongs of claim 1, further comprising a bottle opener extending from the handle.

4. (Original) The multi-purpose ice tongs of claim 1, wherein the handle is adapted to crush ice using a surface of the handle.

5. (Original) The multi-purpose ice tongs of claim 1, wherein the handle has a pillar at one end adapted to crush a food item.

6. (Original) The multi-purpose ice tongs of claim 5, wherein the pillar is made of a material adapted to enable crushing of a food item contained within a drink glass without breaking the glass.

7. (Original) The multi-purpose ice tongs of claim 1, wherein the pair of tongs are sufficiently narrow in size to enable the tongs to be extended into a champagne flute.

8. (Currently Amended) A multi-purpose ice tongs, comprising:

a handle;

a pair of tongs extending from the handle and collectively adapted to pick-up an ice cube, the pair of tongs having a free end with a plurality of finger-shaped protrusions, one of the tongs having a grating surface disposed between the finger-shaped protrusions and the handle adapted to grate an item.

9. (Original) The multi-purpose ice tongs of claim 8, wherein the grating surface is disposed on an inner surface of said one of the tongs, the inner surface of said one of the tongs facing an inner surface of the other tong.

10. (Original) The multi-purpose ice tongs of claim 9, wherein the grating surface is disposed on the inner surface of said one of the tongs at position remote from an end of said tong.

11. (Original) The multi-purpose ice tongs of claim 9, wherein the pair of tongs is adapted to enable a sliding of a picked up item along and between the tongs to the grating surface.

12. (Original) The multi-purpose ice tongs of claim 8, wherein each of the tongs includes first and second ends, the first end of each of the tongs being attached to the handle, and the second end of each of the tongs including finger-like projections for facilitating picking up of a food item.

13. (Original) The multi-purpose ice tongs of claim 8, wherein each of the tongs includes first and second ends, the first end of each of the tongs being attached to the handle, and the second end of each of the tongs including a spoon.

14. (Original) The multi-purpose ice tongs of claim 8, further comprising a bottle opener extending from the handle.

15. (Original) The multi-purpose ice tongs of claim 8, further comprising a knife removably stored within a recess of the handle.

16. (Original) The multi-purpose ice tongs of claim 8, wherein the knife is pivotally coupled to the handle, and is stored within the handle in a first position, and exposed in a second position.

17. (Original) The multi-purpose ice tongs of claim 8, wherein the knife includes a zester component adapted to remove a peel from a food item.

18. (Original) The multi-purpose ice tongs of claim 8, wherein the handle is adapted to crush ice using a surface of the handle.

19. (Original) The multi-purpose ice tongs of claim 8, wherein the handle has a pillar at one end adapted to crush a food item.

20. (Original) The multi-purpose ice tongs of claim 19, wherein the pillar is made of a material adapted to enable crushing of a food item contained within a drink glass without breaking the glass.

21. (Original) The multi-purpose ice tongs of claim 8, wherein the pair of tongs are sufficiently narrow in size to enable the tongs to be extended into a champagne flute.

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